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Note by the Secretary-General

1. By a letter dated 5 July 2001, addressed to States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the Secretary-General drew attention to the vacancy in the International Court of Justice caused by the resignation, effective 30 September 2001, of Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria). In the same communication, the Secretary-General, in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Court, invited the national groups of States parties to the Statute to undertake the nomination of persons in a position to accept the duties of a member of the Court. The Secretary-General further requested that nominations should be received no later than 12 September 2001.

2. In accordance with Article 7 of the Statute of the Court, the Secretary-General has the honour to submit to the General Assembly and to the Security Council the candidates nominated by the national groups (see annex).

3. The composition of the Court and the voting procedure to be followed in the General Assembly and in the Security Council are contained in a memorandum by the Secretary-General issued as document A/56/372-S/2001/881. The curricula vitae of the candidates appear in document A/56/374-S/2001/883.

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Annex

List of nominations by national groups

(As of 12 September 2001)

Name and nationality	*Nominated by the national group of*
Georges Abi-Saab (Egypt)	Belgium
Nabil Elaraby (Egypt)	Egypt France Greece Liechtenstein Sweden United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Francis Romain Wodie (Côte d'Ivoire)	Côte d'Ivoire

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Withdrawal of a candidate nominated by national groups

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. By a letter dated 6 October 2001, Mr. Georges Abi-Saab asked the Secretary-General to withdraw his name from the list of candidates nominated by national groups. The list was circulated by the Secretary-General on 17 September 2001 in document A/56/373-S/2001/882.

2. A copy of Mr. Abi-Saab's letter is attached (see annex).

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Annex

Letter dated 6 October 2001 from Mr. Georges Abi-Saab addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: French]

I have been informed in a letter from the President of the International Court of Justice that my name is on the list of candidates nominated by the national groups in the Permanent Court of Arbitration to succeed Judge Mohammed Bedjaoui as a member of the International Court of Justice.

I am very grateful to those who deemed me worthy of fulfilling this function and I appreciate the true value of their initiative in spontaneously nominating me.

Subsequently, however, the Government of Egypt chose to give its official support to another candidate. Accordingly, I should like to ask you to withdraw my name from the list of candidates and to inform the delegations of the content of this letter.

(*Signed*) Georges **Abi-Saab**